

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Official Action. The present amendment is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application are hereby respectfully requested.

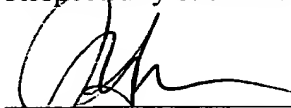
The Examiner's indication that claims 33 - 51 are allowed is gratefully acknowledged.

Claims 1 - 4, 6 - 15, 19, 21 - 27 and 29 - 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US patent 6,020,882 to Kinghorn et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent 5,936,660 to Gurantz. Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the basis of the Examiner's rejection, claims 1 - 4, 6 - 15, 19, 21 - 27 and 29 - 32 have been cancelled without prejudice, in order to facilitate allowance of the present application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims 1 - 4, 6 - 15, 19, 21 - 27 and 29 - 32 in a continuing application.

Claims 5, 16-18, 20 and 28 are also cancelled thereby leaving only allowed claims 33-51.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

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